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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: VISIT TO TVA BY PARAGUAYAN
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1. MAJOR EXPORT PROJECTS DIVISION USDOC DISCUSSED REFTEL WITH JIM MEYERS OF TVA. TVA WILL BE HAPPY TO ARRANGE THE VISIT FOR SILVO CODAS AND HAS ONLY ONE REAL DIFFICULTY WITH EMBASSY MESSAGE. DOES PARA TWO REFTEL ON DISCUSSION OF QUOTE SOME OFFICE WORK ON COMPENSATION UNQUOTE MEAN THAT TVA SHOULD PAY MR. CODAS? IF SO, MUST INFORM EMBASSY THAT TVA HAS NO SUCH FUNDS, MR. CODAS MUST SUPPORT HIMSELF. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT THE TOUR AND EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS ARE ALL AT NO COST BUT ARE PERFORMED AS A SERVICE BY TVA.

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2. WITH RESPECT TO TIMING. ARRIVAL MARCH 15-20 IS A LITTLE TIGHT BUT CAN BE MANAGED. TVA LEAVES IT UP TO MR. CODAS. TVA WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW MUCH TIME MR. CODAS HAS AVAILABLE. IF THE PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP IS TO LEARN LAND APPRAISAL ONLY, TVA BELIEVES ONE WEEK AT MOST IS SUFFICIENT. (LAND BRANCH IS IN CHATTANOOGA.) HOWEVER, IF

CODAS WISHES TO DISCUSS MINERAL RESOURCES, MORE TIME SHOULD BE ALLOWED AND THERE ARE TWO BRANCHES INVOLVED - GEOLOGICAL BRANCH IN KNOXVILLE AND THE FUELS BRANCH IN CHATTANOOGA. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY BROUGHT TO MIND BY CODAS' INTEREST IN ECOLOGICAL PROBLEMS (REFTEL) IS A VISIT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING DIVISION (ONE OR TWO DAYS) IN CHATTANOOGA. REQUEST EMBASSY DISCUSS OPTIONS WITH CODAS AND GET BACK TO US WITH FIRM DATES AND

INDICATION OF WHICH BRANCHES CODAS WILL VISIT AND HOW LONG.

3. TVA WOULD ALSO LIKE EMBASSY TO PROVIDE MORE INFO ON JUST WHAT WILL BE INVOLVED IN LAND APPRAISAL FOR ITaipu. SINCE MUCH OF EARTH MOVING ALREADY COMPLETED, IT IS

OBVIOUS THAT THE TERM DOES NOT HAVE EXACTLY SAME MEANING IN PARAGUAY AS IN U.S. TVA COMMENTED THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE QUOTE CANNED VISITS UNQUOTE AND THE MORE DETAILS THEY HAVE ON MR. CODAS' SPECIFIC INTERESTS, THE MORE HELP THEY CAN BE. VANCE

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